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1. CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM RESOLUTION ON FOREIGN POLICY

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(WE ARE BASING OUR COMMENTS ON THE ENGLISH VERSION)

SEEMS MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT SOVIET AND SOCIALIST ACHIEVEMENTS THAN LAST COMPARABLE DOCUMENT (FROM APIRL 1973 PLENUM), SOMEWHAT MORE GUARDED ON SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DETENTE, AND MORE PUGNACIOUS ON "IMPERIALIST" ACTIVITIES.

2. THE RESOLUTION REVEALS NO CHANGE IN SOVIET DETENTE POLICY, BUT IT DOES RELEGATE THE REFERENCE TO DETENTE'S IRREVERSIBILITY TO THE CSCE CONTEXT -- A DEPARTURE FROM THE 1973 DOCUEMENT. AND THE FOES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE MERIT A WHOLE PARAGRAPH. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, THERE IS A BOW TO "REALISTICALLY MINDED CIRCLES IN BOURGEOIS STATES," TO THE NEED TO SUPPLEMENT POLITICAL WITH MILITARY DETENTE, AND TO THE VALUE OF SUMMITRY IN AN EAST-WEST CONTEXT.

3. THE U.S., AS IN THE 1973 DOCUEMENT, IS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY THE INTENDED TARGET IN ITS REFERENCE TO FORCES WHICH "OPPOSE THE LIQUIDATION OF EXISTING WORLD CRISES" AND "THWART PEOPLES STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY BY GROSS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES."

4. THERE IS LITTLE DICUSSION OF SOVIET TIES WITHIN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, NO REFERENCE TO UPCOMING COMMUNIST CONFERENCES, AND NO MENTION OF CHINA, WHICH GOT A FAT PARAGRAPH IN 1973. BREZHNEV'S NAME IS MENTIONED SEVEAL TIMES IN THE RESOLUTION BUT HIS "PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION" IS NOT NOTED, AS IT WAS IN 1973.

5. THE WEST'S ECONOMIC ILLS HAVE OBVIOUSLY GIVEN A FILLIP TO SOVIET CONFIDENCE, AND THIS DOCUMENT HAS A VERY SELF-ASSURED RING, WHICH IS MIRRORED IN ITS REFERENCES TO SOCIALIST ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE "FILEDS OF ECONOMY AND DEFENSE POTENTIAL" AND TO CAPITALIST PROBLEMS. THE FAILURE TO MENTION ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRY (E.G., VIETNAM OR PORTUGAL), ADDS TO THIS TONE; THE 1973 DOCUMENT DID MENTION VIETNAM TWICE.

6. ALL IN ALL, IT INTRODUCES NO NEW ELEMENTS TO SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY, BUT IN TONE -- EVEN ALLOWING

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FOR ITS PARTY CONTEXT -- IT STRIKES US AS A TOUGH DOCUMENT.
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